



NEW JERSEY'S 2005 DEER FENCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The fence is anticipated to be high tensile-woven wire 6 1/2 feet in height with two strands of high tensile wire to be placed above the mesh at one-foot intervals. Under this program, up to 30% of the line posts will also be provided. The life expectancy of the fencing is 20 years.

Fence will be bid between galvanized mesh, high tensile tight-lock mesh and high tensile hinge block.

Each eligible applicant shall receive up to 5,000 linear feet of fencing and up to 30% of the corresponding line posts.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible to receive deer fencing and posts under this collaborative effort, an applicant must satisfy the following criteria:

- The applicant must be a New Jersey farmer having documented proof of a minimum of \$40,000 in sales of agricultural commodities produced by the applicant on a New Jersey farm OR a New Jersey certified organic farmer having documented proof of a minimum of \$20,000 in sales of agricultural commodities produced by the applicant on a New Jersey farm.
- The applicant must be the owner of the land upon which the fencing will be erected or the applicant must rent preserved farmland or farmland that is enrolled in an Eight-Year Farmland Preservation Program.
- The applicant must have a federal identification number.
- The applicant must attend at least one seminar sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension on the proper installation procedures for deer fencing. Proof of attendance must be provided to the Department.
- The fencing installation procedures used must adhere to standards that ensure the fencing provides effective exclusion of deer incursions. Fact sheets such as Rutgers Cooperative

Extension fact sheet #FS889 “High Tensile Woven Wire Fences for Reducing Wildlife Damage” as well as manufacturers specifications for installation provide information regarding proper installation procedures.

- Fencing must be installed within one year from the date of issue or returned to the NJDA for redistribution. Any fencing that is returned will be assessed for damage. Failure to install the deer fence within the one-year agreed time frame or failure to install the deer fence according to installation standards that ensure the fencing provides effective exclusion of deer incursions shall prohibit the applicant from receiving deer fencing under any future NJDA or NJDEP programs. In addition, the applicant will be required to reimburse the NJDA for any fencing that cannot be redistributed to other farmers.
- If additional fencing is required, the farmer will be added to the NJDA list for future consideration if additional funding is secured.

INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/ PROJECTS:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Fencing erected to contain equine, livestock, poultry or other animals

DISTRIBUTION OF FENCE:

Fence distribution will take place at the Rutgers Snyder Research & Extension Farm (Hunterdon County) and at the Rutgers Agricultural Research & Extension Center (Cumberland County). Forklifts will be available onsite to load the fencing material. Distribution dates will be determined.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be postmarked by NOVEMBER 30, 2004 and returned to:

New Jersey Department of Agriculture
Division of Agricultural & Natural Resources
PO Box 330
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0330

or by facsimile at (609) 633-7229

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Contact the New Jersey Department of Agriculture at (609) 292-5532